

**FINANCIAL MONITORING – REVENUE BUDGET**  
**(Report by the Head of Financial Services)**

**1. 2004/05 Budget – As at September 1st 2004**

**1.1** Expenditure and income to date has been reviewed together with preliminary discussion of potential base review reductions and possible MTP deferrals or deletions. Though the likely outturn for the year cannot be predicted with any certainty at this stage, the forecast reduction is in the region of £591k plus £320k that will need to be deferred to the following year.

**1.2** The main variations are:

	Income	Expenditure	Recharge to capital	Net Expenditure
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>-35,412</b>	<b>+52,725</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>+16,828</b>
Unspent budget brought forward from 2003/04		+960		+960
	<b>-35,412</b>	<b>53,685</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>+17,788</b>
Less reimbursed expenditure	<b>+21,335</b>	<b>-21,335</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>-14,077</b>	<b>+32,350</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>+17,788</b>
Income Variations				
Development Control	-50			
Land Charges	-45			
Investment interest	-50			
Housing Benefits subsidy	-70			
Car Parking	89			
Deferred start of the Green waste scheme		-75		
Pay award 2004 effect and related adjustments		+150		
Additional recharges of staff to Capital			+50	
Leisure Centres		+50		
Other expected savings and potential MTP reductions/deferrals. (details will emerge as part of the base budget review and this year's review of the MTP)	30	-570		
	<b>-96</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>+50</b>	<b>-591</b>
Expenditure deferred to future years				
Housing Surveys		-50		
Local Plan		-200		
Application of additional planning grant		-70		
		<b>-320</b>		<b>-320</b>
Total variations	<b>-96</b>	<b>-765</b>	<b>+50</b>	<b>-911</b>
	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>		
<b>Forecast net spending</b>				<b>+16,877</b>

- 1.3** The £591k forecast underspendings include two categories of item:
- One-off reductions (delays in on-going programmes or particular circumstances in the current year that will not continue)
  - Potential permanent budget reductions including schemes that may be deleted in the review of the MTP.
- 1.4** The Base Budget review is currently underway and a report will be made to Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet in the autumn. This will establish a set of approved budget reductions which will feed into this year's review of the MTP.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Cabinet note the likely spending variations.

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985**

#### **Source Documents:**

1. Cabinet and Council Reports
2. Budgetary control files.

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